

# **GREEN CHEMISTRY SUPPORT ROUNDTABLE CHARTER**

## **Authority:**

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's Executive Directive 2006-06, "Promotion of Green Chemistry for Sustainable Economic Development and Protection of Public Health."

## **Charge and Scope of Activities:**

The Green Chemistry Support Roundtable (Roundtable) will provide advice, information, and recommendations on policy and activities undertaken by the Green Chemistry Support Program to assist Michigan in becoming recognized as a national leader in green chemistry and achieving green chemistry as a common practice.

The duties of the Roundtable are solely advisory in nature. The Roundtable is a non-voting group that will operate on the basis of consensus. The Roundtable will hold meetings, analyze issues, conduct reviews, produce reports, and make necessary recommendations to meet its responsibilities. The objectives are to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on:

1. Encouraging the research, development, and implementation of innovative chemical technologies that accomplish pollution prevention in a scientifically sound and cost-effective manner.
2. Promoting the use of chemical technologies that reduce or eliminate the use or generation of hazardous substances during the design, manufacture, and use of chemical products and processes.
3. Encouraging the use of safer, less toxic, or non-toxic chemical alternatives to hazardous substances to promote sustainable economic development in Michigan.
4. Advise the Director of the DEQ on policy issues in regard to use and restrictive use of certain chemicals and classes of chemicals.

The Roundtable may establish subgroups organized around particular chemicals or other classes of chemicals, to identify the need for green chemistry research and innovation for alternatives.

## **Official(s) to Whom the Roundtable Reports:**

The Roundtable will submit advice and recommendations, and report to the Director of the DEQ, or designee.

**Agency Responsibility:**

The DEQ will be responsible for providing administrative support in line with available resources.

**Meetings:**

The Roundtable will meet approximately quarterly, in half day sessions. Members are expected to make every effort to attend meetings, but an alternate may be appointed if a member cannot attend a meeting. The DEQ will prepare a summary of each meeting. Members will be allowed to comment on the summary before it is finalized. Meeting summaries will not attribute statements to identified Roundtable members. While meeting times will not be public noticed, meetings are open to the public.

**Duration and Termination:**

The Roundtable will be examined annually and will exist until the Governor or designee determines the Roundtable is no longer needed.

**Roundtable Composition:**

The Roundtable will be composed of representatives of public health, industrial, environmental, local government, state government, general public, and other impacted stakeholders as deemed appropriate by the DEQ. The term of the Roundtable members is at the discretion of the DEQ Director.

**Subgroups:**

The Roundtable, with the DEQ's approval, may form subgroups for any purpose consistent with Executive Directive 2006-06. A subgroup may not work independently of the Roundtable and must report their recommendations and advice to the Roundtable for full deliberation and discussion. Subgroups may be assigned to undertake specific tasks, but do not have authority to make decisions on behalf of the Roundtable, nor can they report directly to the DEQ.